particulars. A letter from Melas to the Aulic Council of the 5th of June from Turin states that Massena capitulated on the 4th. It looks as though the enemy could not complete their concentration at Alessandria before the 12th or 13th. Send detachments forward rapidly and crush everything you come across. The advance guard can move as far as Voghera.

9th. (To Carnot.) I still fail to see how Melas can get out of it: either he must attack us at Stradella, and be defeated and destroyed; or he can attempt to get over the Po, the Sesia, and the Ticino, and will get no better result, His position is somewhat amusing, and if Genoa had held out only 72 hours more but little of his army would ever have got away.

I start in an hour to cross the Po on my way to Stradella.

10th, Stradella:

General Ott got from Genoa to Voghera in three forced marches with 15,000 of the besieging troops. He was reinforced by 4000 or 5000 men detached by General Melas to guard the Po. The advance guards of the two armies met about noon. The enemy held the heights in front of Casteggio. Determined fighting took place and lasted all day. The 96th decided the long uncertain result with a bayonet charge. The enemy left 8000 killed and wounded, 6000 prisoners, and 5 guns on the field. Their rout was complete.

14th. *Battle of Marengo.*

15th. Torre dei Garoffoli: